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James Todd Shoots James Roy at St. Vrain

LIGHT RATES ARE REDUCED

Council Makes Decided Reduction in Light Service and Also Cuts Salaries of Employees.

The City Council at its meeting Monday night made a reduction of twenty per cent in the light rates effective with December payments. This reduces the light rates in Clovis from 16½ cents to 13½ cents per kilowatt and the power rates which are lower at a correspondingly low rate.

Along with the lowering of the light rates, the council made a reduction in salaries affecting the employees of the plant, electricians, those in the water service and those on the street work. The reduction in salaries means a saving of over two hundred dollars a month to the city.

The following schedule of salaries was adopted by the council:

Water and light superintendent, \$190 per month; water service foreman, 65¢ per hour; water service helper, 50¢ per hour; street department foreman, \$125.00 per month; street department helper, \$110 per month; electricians, 75¢ per hour; electrician helper, \$110 per month; Police Judge, \$30 per month.

The resignation of Oscar Dobbs as city manager was accepted. Mr. Dobbs' resignation is effective Dec. 31. The council has not chosen anyone to take Mr. Dobbs' place.

CLOVIS TIES PORTALES.

In one of the hardest fought games ever staged on the local field the Clovis High School team held Portales to a 0 to 0 score last Friday. The game was full of thrills from the start. The first kick-off was fumbled and from there on the ball was inside Clovis' 20 yard line for the first half, since the wind was so strong it was impossible to punt in safety.

Jones was held out of the game on account of an injured ankle but was put in at the beginning of the second half, since the team without him lacks the old time punch.

It seemed that luck broke against the high boys at every point, but when they would be in danger of having their goal line crossed the heavier line of Portales would hit a brick wall when they would buck the line.

Owing to the scoreless tie it was suggested to the coach that the time be extended 5 minutes in order that we would not have to go into a post season game but this was declared impossible by the Portales coach on the account of the lateness of the hour.

The reporter would not attempt to foretell the result had the time been extended five minutes more, with the Clovis high school boys outplaying their foes at every point of the game and fighting like so many wild cats.

Clovis goes to Roswell Thursday to get revenge for that stinging defeat suffered at their hands on the local field October 1st. A large crowd went from Clovis to root for the local boys and a good game is expected.

MRS. BRIAN DEAD.

Mrs. Algie F. Brian died Monday at the family home on East Monroe Ave., after an illness of two or three weeks. The funeral service was conducted Tuesday at the Methodist church by Rev. Faust.

Mrs. Brian was forty-six years of age and is survived by her husband and two children.

MILE HI FOLLIES COMPANY ENTERTAINS KIWANIANS

The Kiwanis Club, after the noon-day luncheon Wednesday, was entertained by the Mile Hi Follies Company which showed two nights this week at the Lyceum Theatre. The Kiwanians appreciated the music very much and the numbers were greeted by hearty encores. The program was furnished complimentary by the Mile Hi Follies Company.

70 SECTIONS LAND SWEEP BY FLAMES

Hereford, Texas, Nov. 23.—Seventy sections of land, or a swath 20 miles long and 5 miles wide was swept clean of grass by a fire which started at a point 20 miles southwest of here today.

The flames caught from a camper's fire on the Ozark Trails between Dimmitt and Texico, men who fought it believe.

More than 200 men fought the flames. Fifty cars of fire fighters from Hereford and Dimmitt fought the raging blaze with backfire and finally extinguished it shortly before it reached the Johnson ranch, an enormous tract.

Another prairie fire was reported near Bovina.

BOOK BENEFIT FOR HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

The Library Committee of the Civic Club of Clovis will have a Book Day and Tea at the High School Auditorium Saturday, Dec. 3rd, from 2:30 till 5:00 o'clock. The plan is to have every family in Clovis donate a book for the High School Library. Next week the News will publish a list of the books desired.

NEW ADDITION TO BE OPENED

Acreage Property in Mauldin Heights, North of City Limits, is Now on Market.

Mauldin Heights is the latest addition to Clovis. This property was platted and surveyed some time ago and this week it has been placed on the market through Ramey & Wilkinson. This property is divided into lots as well as five acre tracts, however the acreage property is all that is being put on the market at this time.

This property will be provided with city water and the acreage should prove very popular to those desiring small tracts close in.

Site for College.

The fact that the west portion of this tract has been chosen as the site for the Clara Barton Memorial College, adds to the attractiveness of Mauldin Heights as a desirable addition.

Good Progress on School Bonus

Chas. E. Scheurich informs the News that the committee having in charge the matter of guaranteeing the bonus offered for the removal of the Frances E. Willard school for girls to this place from Belen, has met with excellent success and the required number of signatures to the guarantee will be secured. Santa Fe and Albuquerque have also made bids for the school.

FARMER CAN'T FIGURE WHAT HIDE SOLD FOR

I. N. Storm, who lives in the Bellview neighborhood, was in town Monday. Mr. Storm told the News reporter an incident that happened last week that gives a good example of the low price level the farmers' products have reached now. Mr. Storm killed a yearling calf and sent the hide to town to sell. In exchange for the hide he says he got eight lemons and four spoons of thread.

BUILDING NEW HOME

W. H. Harris has commenced the erection of a new home on North Mitchell Street. It will be constructed of hollow tile. J. W. Mordecai has the contract for the erection of the building.

Mrs. C. V. Steed, County Superintendent of Curry County is attending the State Teachers' Association at Albuquerque this week.

GRAIN STORE BURNED AT TEXICO TUESDAY NIGHT

The building occupied by the J. P. Macon Feed Store at Texico burned Tuesday night, the fire starting about twelve o'clock. The building was a total loss, together with about four thousand bushels of grain stored in the building.

Two Injured in Auto Accident

A serious automobile accident happened late Wednesday evening when a Case and a Ford automobile collided at the corner of Monroe Avenue and Pike Street. Wm. F. Easter, his thirteen year old son, Eldon, and Paul Denison were in the Ford and the News has been unable to learn who drove the Case car. Mr. Denison got through the mishap without being injured; Mr. Easter got a severe bruise above his left eye and had his wrist sprained as well as his thumb fractured. Eldon Easter's right leg was broken between the ankle and knee and he is now at the Santa Fe hospital.

All three were thrown a number of feet and the Ford was badly smashed up. As far as known those in the Case car were uninjured.

LEE HIGHWAY OFFICIALS VISITED IN CLOVIS

Dr. S. M. Johnson, general manager of the Lee Highway Association, and M. O. Ethridge, representative of the American Automobile Association, were in Clovis last Friday evening and met with a number of Clovis citizens at the Elks Home.

Jas. A. Hall made a talk welcoming these men to Clovis and Mr. Ethridge and Dr. Johnson responded with talks on the purposes and objects of the Lee Highway.

The Lee Highway extends from Washington down the Valley of the Virginia, to a transcontinental, year around highway, from New York to San Francisco traversing in Virginia and Tennessee some of the most historic regions of the Civil War and continuing westward through Arkansas, Oklahoma, the Panhandle of Texas, Southern New Mexico, El Paso, Texas, and Southern Arizona to Los Angeles, and up the coast to San Francisco. Dr. Johnson told how years ago he dreamed of a transcontinental highway which would run through Roswell and the White mountains, and said that at last his dream was practically realized, and that in the short space of three or four years he confidently expected to see Broadway, New York, connected with Market Street, San Francisco, by an unbroken stretch of pavement four thousand miles in length.

DENHOF JEWELRY CO. HAS HOLIDAY OPENING

Denhof Jewelry Co. had their Christmas opening on Tuesday of this week and received guests all day. The store was prettily decorated with cut flowers and the visitors received souvenirs. Denhof Jewelry Co. has one of the finest jewelry establishments in this entire section of the country and Mr. Denhof says great preparations have been made for a big holiday business this year.

The opening of the holiday season Tuesday was really an "at home" day for the Denhof Jewelry Co. and those who visited the store say that it never looked prettier.

KILLED A BUCK.

John Miller and Ira Downey returned from a deer hunt in the mountains northwest of Tucumcari this week and while on the trip succeeded in killing a nice buck. The News family is grateful for some nice venison steak donated by these gentlemen.

FARM BUREAU MEETING.

The regular monthly meeting of the Curry County Farm Bureau will be held at the court house in Clovis Saturday, Nov. 26th at 1:00 p. m.

WOMAN ELECTED PRESIDENT STATE TEACHERS ASS'N.

Mrs. Josie Lockard of Raton was elected president of the State Teachers' Association at Albuquerque this week, leading her nearest opponent by 73 votes.

The Association meets at Albuquerque again next year.

Immediate Need for Camp Ground

Clovis should not waste any time in fitting up a municipal camp ground for automobile tourists. The lots owned by the city in the east part of town furnish a very desirable site for this camp. Many tourists will come through Clovis in the future on account of the important highways passing through here, and with a public camp ground, most every car passing through will make a short stay here.

The American Legion has agreed to donate lumber valued at about \$1,100 for fitting up the camp, provided the city assumes an unpaid balance of \$640.00 against the material.

UNITED SUPPORT FOR DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE

The patriotic and whole-hearted support the American people are giving the work of the International Conference on the Limitation of Armaments, now in session at Washington is an encouraging sign of future world peace and amity. The initial proposal of the American delegation, presented by Secretary of State Hughes, has met the approval of all classes of citizens, and has in turn created the new hope that this first step will eventuate in a complete program that will meet with equal favor.

The conference met under the most favorable auspices; public sentiment the world over is crystallized in favor of the main purpose of the conference, both from an economic and an altruistic point of view; there is no note of discord, and nowhere is there discernible any desire or attempt to interfere or impede the work of the conference for political advantage—in fact, a total absence of the spirit of opposition and division which has manifested itself in various ways on other great occasions since the war. On the contrary, there is a united and sincere hope and effort for the full fruition of the work of the conference.

LIBERTY BONDS MOUNT TO NEW HIGH RECORDS

New York, Nov. 23.—Most of the Liberty bonds issued by the United States government to meet expenses of the war mounted to new high records for the year on the stock exchange today, while Victory 4½s notes duplicated their recent record of par for odd lots.

Transactions in these issues approximated \$10,000,000 par value. The demand evidently proceeded from high financial quarters, including banks, insurance companies and other large corporations.

Liberty 3½s made the greatest gain at a net advance of 76 cents per \$100 to \$95.6. The first 4½s rose 30 cents to \$95.40. The second 4½s 24 cents to \$95.24 and the fourth 4½s 36 cents to \$95.54.

BARN AT RAILWAYS ICE PLANT BURNS

The barn at the Railways Ice Company's plant burned Monday night. The building and its contents were destroyed including several sets of harness and a Buick car, belonging to one of the employees.

TRADED RESIDENCE FOR 160-ACRE FARM

J. D. Fleming has traded the residence property known as the Fitzhugh residence in northeast Clovis, to Mrs. Jim Holden for a farm northwest of Clovis.

Robert Miller made a business trip to Amarillo this week.

GOV. COX'S HOME GOES DEMOCRATIC, TOO

Dayton, Ohio, the home of ex-Governor Cox, also played an important part in the Democratic landslide of November 8, electing the first Democratic mayor since 1912. Under the Dayton charter, the candidate for commissioner receiving the highest vote becomes mayor. Frank Hale, straight Democrat, and the only candidate nominated as such, led his nearest competitor by 5,000 votes. Thus the homes of the two presidential candidates in the last election, Dayton and Marion, are now under Democratic local government.

Many smaller towns in various sections, heretofore Republican, went Democratic at the late election, the returns from which were not published in the metropolitan press.

THARP BROS. WILL ADD TO BUILDING

Tharp Brothers will soon commence construction on an addition to their building on Washington Avenue and will install an up-to-date machine shop. The addition will be on the rear of their present building and will be 35x40 feet. It will be constructed of hollow tile.

NEW TAX BILL NOW A LAW

Congress has Adjourned and President has Signed Tax Measure Which Few Law Makers Like.

Washington, Nov. 23.—The tax revision bill became a law late today, President Harding signing it at the Capitol during the closing hour of the special session of Congress.

This is the bill which repeals the excess profits and transportation taxes, does away with most of the so-called nuisance and luxury taxes, reduced individual taxes all along the line and increases the corporation income tax from 10% to 12½%.

Few, if any Senators supporting the measure, were entirely satisfied with all of its sections but they took the view that it contained more good provisions than bad ones.

This is generally considered to be only a temporary law and the understanding now is that a new revision bill will have to be framed within a year or so.

Badly Hurt by Fall From Horse

C. L. Miller, age 22, who lives seven miles west of Belview, is at the Baptist Hospital in Clovis, suffering from a fracture at the base of his skull. Mr. Miller had started to the home of a neighbor nearby on a gentle horse with only a halter on the animal. Shortly afterward he staggered up to the neighbor's home saying he was sick. Mr. Miller has been partly unconscious since the accident and is unable to tell how it happened, but it is presumed that he was thrown from the horse and his head injured. He is still in a serious condition but is improving.

BOY GETS SERIOUS BUMP ON PAVEMENT

Jack Comer, the fifteen year old son of Jess Comer, who lives one mile south of Clovis, was seriously injured last Sunday afternoon by being thrown from a horse onto the pavement, the accident happening on Monroe Avenue near the Lone Star Lumber Co. The boy has concussion of the brain and is at the Baptist Hospital. Although his injury is serious it is believed he is about out of danger.

PLAYING ROSWELL

The Clovis High School football team is playing Roswell today. Roswell has a good team but Clovis boys are very hopeful that they will come out with the big end of the score.

DIES IN ONLY FEW MINUTES

Men Were Brothers-in-law and it is Said There had Been a Bit of Ill Feeling for Sometime.

Jim Todd shot and killed James Roy at St. Vrain Wednesday morning of this week. Roy drives the school truck at that place and had just come in from his route bringing the children to school. After the children had gotten out of the truck Roy drove to the garage nearby and was having his car filled with gas. It seems from the report given by eye witnesses that Todd approached Roy here, and there was some conversation as to whether the driver of the school car had properly treated Todd's children, whereupon it is said Roy was heard to have said: "The trouble is not with the children but with you." It is said the men had exchanged only a few words until a shot rang out and Roy was mortally wounded with a bullet wound through his abdomen coming from a .38 calibre pistol. Roy died in about fifteen minutes and as far as the News has been able to learn made no dying statement.

Only one shot was fired by Todd and it is said that Roy was unarmed. After the shooting Todd phoned the sheriff's office here and told Sheriff Dean what he had done and asked that the officers come out after him. Accordingly he was brought to the county jail in Clovis by Deputy Pat Woods.

Inquest Held.

Judge J. P. Noble, accompanied by the sheriff and District Attorney Compton went to St. Vrain shortly after the killing and an inquest was held.

Men Were Brothers-in-law.

James Todd and James Roy are brothers-in-law, the latter being a brother of Todd's wife. There is said to have been quite a bit of feeling between the two men for the past several weeks, caused from the division of property in which both were interested. Men acquainted with both believe this possibly led up to the tragedy occurring Wednesday morning. The deceased man is survived by his wife and two children and recently moved from a farm to St. Vrain to take charge of the driving of the school trucks there. Todd has a wife and four children and lives on the Gurley farm about seven miles from St. Vrain.

Examining Trial Next Week.

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